

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

See us at McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED after 5:30pm ---- *Everyone is welcome, we ARE the Working Group. WELCOME! Monthly meetings, 2nd Saturday of each month. Always interesting & informative, join us!! Next meeting: April 13 – 9:30AM, Manhattan City Library Groesbeck Rm. Come to our meetings, we have interesting speakers talk/visit/with us. Come listen & ask questions, express your concerns & views, help US all help each other. They will be voting next week. Refer to the Supplement sheet in the last newsletter. We have made headway!! We MUST keep the momentum rolling to bring our State of Kansas back to the Constitution, "We the People", and GOD!!!! Let's put GOD back in our schools, our state & federal, by backing HB 2289 (which refuses Federal program Common Core), HB 2355, Fair Tax, a consumption tax replacing income tax!! HB 2355 is ready to go – push it!!* *Again the GREEN Print is ME!! (Sylda)*

We received this from the FAIR TAX KS FairTaxKC.org

We had the pleasure of being present in the Kansas Capitol on February 19, 2013, when Judson Jones testified on Constitutional Rights at the recent Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee's hearing on "The Second Amendment Protection Act" (HB2199). A copy of his speech follows. Major Jones retired from the U.S. Army after serving our nation with distinction for forty years; he delivered his message with enthusiasm and passion.

Although his testimony focused mainly on the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, his description of the fundamentals of our freedom to bear arms immediately seemed to us that the same fundamentals apply just as importantly to our economic freedoms, which are continually under attack by the U.S. Federal Income Tax.

He quoted Edmund Burke, who said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." In this same sense the Income Tax itself is evil incarnate, stifling our economy, creating class warfare, and restricting the rights of Americans to improve their lives, while we do nothing at all to stop it.

Major Jones reminded us that we fought and won the first battle of our revolution against the English at Concord, New Hampshire, over the issue of weapons confiscation. One of the first protests by the Boston "Tea Party" patriots was because of taxation without representation. We must continue to be vigilant and ready to fight for our freedoms just as fervently today.

He then referred to the audacity of some of our incumbent U.S. Senators demanding to decide how many rounds of ammunition the government will allow us to have. That mind-set seems a great deal like the way our Income Tax system dictates what amount of our own honestly earned money that we are allowed to keep.

He pointed out that it's not the guns (or knives, or hit-and-run automobiles, or baseball bats) that are violent, it is violent people who use guns to commit their violent acts. Similarly, it's not that paying taxes in itself is evil, it's that legislators are evil when they write income tax laws allowing them to pick winners and losers, expressly prohibited by our nation's founders when they drafted the Constitution.

Next, he said, history shows that whenever government prohibits something to which free people have a right, the action has unintended consequences. His example was the 18th Amendment, adopted in 1913, that prohibited the sale of alcohol, which in turn resulted in gang violence, rampant lawlessness, mass corruption, and widespread disrespect for authority... eventually leading to its repeal by passage of the 21st Amendment.

How similar this is to the damaging effects of the 16th Amendment!!! Passed in the same year, 1913, as the 18th, the 16th Amendment has enabled Congress to expand the simple original federal income tax

(ostensibly intended at first for only taxing "the rich") into an un-caged behemoth which is now increasing the over-reach and size of the federal government beyond all comprehension.

We must be bold and brave. Kansas needs to be first in the nation to eliminate our state Income Tax. Many of the other states will follow. The domino effect will start in Kansas. Finally! The politicians who represent us in Washington D.C. and in Topeka can no longer ignore the will of the people. We therefore insist that the Kansas House and Senate immediately convene hearings on HB 2355, "The Kansas FairTax Act of 2013." The time for Kansas to prosper and be free is NOW - not later.

Earl Long and Mark Saylor

Good Morning, 19 February 2013

My name is Judson Jones. I am a life long Kansan, a 40 year Army veteran, and an extremely concerned citizen. I hold no elected office that would make me a voice for a constituency, however, I believe that it was Edmund Burke that said something to the effect, "all it takes is one good man doing nothing for evil to succeed." Members of this committee, I truly believe that our country was founded by people who were wise beyond their time, far-seeing patriots who understood the reason they went to war with their government.

History shows us, if we are wise enough to see it, the first battle of our revolution was fought over the issue of weapons confiscation. These patriots' own army was marching to Concord to capture and destroy the Massachusetts Militia's arms and ammunition stored there. Cpt John Parker, and 77 militiamen assembled on the Lexington Green and faced off with the Red Coat brigade of over 700. What transpired that day is the very foundation of what I consider to be the heart of American freedom. That heart was identified a year later by Thomas Jefferson and the 2nd Continental Congress in the Declaration of Independence when they wrote "... whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute new Government..." Later the Declaration stated it is not only the people's right, it is their duty (implying that when a wrong is done, it is the people's God-given responsibility to correct that wrong). That heart was then codified by Congress in the Bill of Rights, when they established the 2nd Amendment. I believe they made the Second Amendment number two because it protects the 1st Amendment, insuring those rights that guarantee our individual and collective freedom.

The framers understood that armed people are free people. In the wording of the amendment, they clearly established our right to form militia groups and also guaranteed the direct right to own, carry, and use weapons (i.e. the right to bear arms, the individual right to have them for self-defense, and the collective right to have them to participate in a militia.) Our founders went to war with their own government to protect the right to have the necessary weapons to defeat a tyrant. Any government that becomes tyrannical must be "...altered or abolished..." We alter oppressive governments by elections. How do we abolish them? Again history demonstrates that this country will go to war to end what was considered intolerable. The American Civil War was the result of groups using armed conflict to establish a government "...most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

I am certainly not advocating armed conflict here; as a soldier of 40 years, I understand the finality of war and for sure we are nowhere near the need to establish armed militias, but I believe that an armed populous on parity with the government's army made our nation possible, and I believe that an armed nation keeps our current government in check, just as the founders envisioned. Parity of weapons gives the people the ability to stay on a par with our nation's military. This equality is what those forces in our current government, that want to continue down the road to weapon confiscation, fear. Make no mistake here, any effort to tie arms ownership and transfer to the specific type of weapon being exchanged is a direct method of registering that weapon, and the next step to registration is confiscation, then annihilation.

History again shows us that this happens and the consequences are horrendous. Those forces in the Government that go on record and make statements like, "... we will get those guns if

we have to go door to door” (Senator Feinstein D- CA), and “... these weapons of war don’t belong on our streets...” (Senator Schumer D-NY) clearly want this parity ended, for only then will they feel safe in forcing a never-ending socialist/progressive agenda on those in this nation wishing to remain free. These forces in play in our government that would infringe on the right of the people to maintain arms parity with their government’s army also desire to tell us as law-abiding citizens how many rounds of ammunition we would need to insure our self-defense. Who is to say how many bullets I need to protect my-self? One may suffice, but freedom lets me decide, not a government bent on infringing my rights.

In support of this argument, I would add the use of the descriptive “assault weapon” is a loaded term designed to make uninformed people fear the very nature of a semi-automatic rifle. American citizens haven’t been able to own assault rifles (i.e. automatic rifles) in this country since 1932. A semi-automatic rifle such as an AR-15 is not an assault rifle and is no more deadly than a knife, a ball bat, a three-foot 2x4, or automobiles when these weapons are used by violent people. People are violent, not weapons. We don’t have assault knives, assault ball bats, assault 2x4’s, or assault automobiles. Also, the use of the term “gun violence” is offensive to the law-abiding citizen, for the same reason as “assault weapon,” as it makes the weapon the violent thing and ignores the real issue of violent people. In conclusion, if the anti-parity forces succeed in banning some guns, magazines, and ammunition all that will happen in the near future is that many law-abiding citizens of this state and nation will then become criminals. Outlaws, because very few of them will willingly turn their guns in to their government. History, again, shows us what happens in this country when a thing is prohibited to free people by their government. The 18th Amendment brought about alcohol prohibition, gang violence, gross disrespect for the law, mass corruption, and disrespect for authority; so much so that it was eventually repealed by the 21st Amendment, but at what cost? Again, if the anti-parity forces succeed in beginning their slide to gun registration, then obtaining gun confiscation as is their stated objective, then I believe those in our nation that choose to follow their rights defined by the United States Constitution will be declared outside the law and subject to arrest, and if, God forbid, marshal law were instituted, those citizens could be hunted down and destroyed.

As a parting thought consider this. Do not for one minute think that our government would not use troops to confiscate guns. They have already done it! Ask the folks in New Orleans during hurricane Katrina. **I was told this also happened in Greensburg, KS after the tornado destroyed it.** Thank you for your time.

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Dear Representatives of the Education Committee:

We are Kansas’s taxpayers, parents and grandparents and your constituents. We are following carefully the downward trend of academic excellence in our state. As your fellow Kansans, we strongly urge and ask for your vote to move HB 2289 out of the Education Committee for a full House vote and to stand for a recorded vote.

It is time for Kansas to end its involvement with any further implementation of Common Core standards, just as many other states are doing. HB 2289 does this by stopping the spending of any monies for implementation. We believe that these mandates are costing the state more money to implement than the monetary value received.

The education curriculum standards debate no longer belongs to just the Federal government, the Governor's Association, NEA and special interest groups. It belongs to the parents and the people of Kansas, along with local school boards and districts.

Kansas must lead the nation, not follow.

Our children are not game pieces or a constant roll of the dice by the latest federal government educational curriculum standards and mandates with strings attached.

Rep. Boldra proclaims the advantages of the “framework.” An argument echoing strongly of what we have heard before “we won’t know what is in it until we pass it.” Rep. Rookers defined the Lawrence breakdown of expenditures carefully detailing that many were not “Common Core” related but ironically pointing out that they

are under another disguise of “safety issues” another federal intrusion focused only on elimination of freedoms at the local level. Rep. Bridges explained that the costs being alluded to going forth are the same as the costs being incurred now. That explanation is confusing. If we are throwing money at a problem now with no success and problem has not been corrected then there is no reason to march down another unknown path looking for results and throwing out more money without determining the problem and how it can be solved. Certainly there is no reason to expect an entity distantly removed from the local level to know better than parents and those they elect to help make those determinations.

If teachers are spending more time being taught how to work a program and how to use the “teaching tools and aids” via in-services than they spend in front of the students then there is a problem. The problem is not looking for new “framework” nor is the problem a lack of funding. Additionally, it is not a lack of availability to resources or how to find them, as Rep. Boldra suggests, it is a lack of direction and accountability by those entrusted with our children. In fact, documentation provided by Rep. Boldra from the Kansas State Department of Education, titled “Kansas Guide to Learning: Literacy” states the agenda at excluding the parents in the subheading: “A comprehensive cross-curricular literacy guide to advance learning from birth through grade 12”. This is not a “framework”, this is an agenda to indoctrinate a society from “**birth to grade 12**” by eliminating parental input into the wellbeing and education of their children by establishing the “we know better” attitude.

Kansas schools should not be working toward or being lead by a “framework” designed by others; we expect our schools to demand excellence from our teachers and our children. There is no reason that our public schools cannot reach the same outstanding levels of excellence that private, parochial and home schooling provide with the amount of monies that is currently being invested. Improper allocation of monies away from the students to infrastructure/pensions is cause for the failures.

A decision that affects the entire state of Kansas should be worked by all Representatives of the State of Kansas and not be determined by a select few assigned to a committee. No state monies should be spent to implement standards or a “framework” that the State of Kansas has no control over. Nor should the State of Kansas enter into a contract with unknown liabilities and cost factors yet to be determined and with content removed from local control. Only the State of Kansas should set the high academic standards for what Kansas students are taught. Just as with No Child Left Behind, Common Core standards will leave the teachers with no choice but to teach for the assessment tests. Despite what is being touted, this will not allow local control by the school districts.

Because Kansans have a desire for higher standards, maintaining those high academic values should remain held at the state and local levels not guided by entities distantly removed from the people. It is in that element of being near the people that we urge you to support HB 2289. Whether our votes were cast directly for you or not, your vote affects us. As candidates you request our votes to be recorded; we **strongly** urge that you **stand for a recorded vote** and make your vote be counted for the people and especially for the children of Kansas. This letter represents the feelings of many Kansans across the state and in all districts. We along with many others are looking forward to seeing you in the district at town hall meetings to either thank you or to question your decision.

Respectfully,

/s/Larry and Christine Tawney

March 21, 2013 10:50 PM

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Myths and Deceptions

About an Article V Constitutional Convention "Con-Con"

1. Such a convention can be limited to a specific topic or subject matter by the states.

False.

a. Article V does not require a state's application for a Con-Con provide a topic or subject. In fact there is no provision at all in Article V related to a topic or subject of a con con. It simply provides that when 2/3 of the states apply for a con con Congress "shall call a Convention..."

b. Article V provides that the "Convention" called by Congress is "for proposing Amendments" **plural.**

c. Once the Convention gets under way the delegates will be able to modify the initial rules, set its own agenda and choose what topics it discusses.

This plain reading is also accepted by Chief Justice Warren Burger [i], Phyllis Schlafly [ii] and others.

2. A Constitutional Convention can only be for "amendments" it cannot be used to rewrite the Constitution.

False.

a. One man's rewrite is another man's amendment. How many of the provisions of the Bill of Rights can be taken out before it is a rewrite versus an amendment? Some consider our Constitution as an amendment of the Articles of Confederation.

b. The Articles of Confederacy provided only for "amendments" not a rewrite yet we ended up with the current Constitution.[iii]

c. The delegates to the Constitutional (Philadelphia) Convention were there 'for the sole and express purpose' of revising the Articles of Confederation.[iv] This is the reference made in the June 22, 1988 letter from Chief Justice Burger to Mrs. Schlafly.[v] As Justice Burger notes that limitation was not followed.

3. A Constitutional Convention is a state enterprise which will be controlled by the states.

False.

a. The "Convention" is provided for under federal law and is "called" by Congress. It is a federal enterprise and under standard parliamentary procedure the organization that calls such a convention gets to determine the **initial rules** for the convention. This is a necessary and proper function for the entity calling such a convention.

b. This is further supported by the fact that Article V specifies that it is Congress and not the states that determines whether proposed amendments are ratified by "Legislatures... of the several states" or by Conventions "in" the states.

4. States can pass laws to criminalize any acts of their delegates that go beyond the states instructions to their delegates.

Not likely.

a. Remember the Convention is provided for under federal law and is call by Congress and is therefore inherently a federal enterprise. The states do not have authority to control federal activities which are constitutional. It is unlikely any such laws would pass constitutional muster under the Supremacy Clause.

b. This also assumes the states will pick the delegates. Such might not be the case.

5. The states will get to decide the criteria for the delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Only if Congress allows.

a. Part of the **initial rules** will be how and by whom the delegates will be selected.

6. The states will get to pick their own delegates for the Constitutional Convention.

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a. The states picked the delegates for the Philadelphia / Constitutional Convention only because Congress' resolution calling the Convention specifically provided that the states would choose their own delegates. [vi] This is not required by Article V.

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Not likely.

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b. Article V only requires that any such ratifying convention be held "in" the state. Note the other mode of ratifying must be by Legislatures "of" the states. Therefore the convention could be one or more traveling "conventions" whose delegates are picked from a pool under Congress' direction.

7. An Article V "Amendments Convention" is not a "Constitutional Convention".

a. There is only one Article that provides the methods (4) of changing the Constitution, and that is Article V. Some other terms that are promoted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and its hired hands such as Robert Natelson are "amendments convention", "convention of the states", and "Article V convention". [vii] This is pure sophistry. Recall the Philadelphia Convention of 1887, from which came our Constitution, was simply an "amendments" convention.

[i] Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, Chief Justice Warren Burger letter to Mrs. Schlafly of 4/8/1986, <http://www.eagleforum.org/> (A wealth of info)

(Under Topic on the left click Constitution and then Con Con then Burger letters April 8, 1986 on the document page.)

[ii] Phyllis Schlafly, **Good Advice Against a Con Con**, Eagle Forum April 9, 2010

<http://www.eagleforum.org/column/2010/apr10/10-04-09.html>

[iii] Articles of Confederation (3/1/1781), <http://www.usconstitution.net/articles.html>

Article XIII. Every State shall abide by the determination of the United States in Congress assembled, on all questions which by this confederation are submitted to them. And the Articles of this confederation shall be inviolably observed by every State, and the union shall be perpetual; **nor shall any alteration at any time hereafter be made in any of them;** unless such alteration be agreed to in a congress of the United States, and be **afterwards confirmed by the legislatures of every State.**

[iv] Jackie Patru, **The Effort to Dismantle Our Constitution** (revised and updated January, 2001)

<http://www.sweetliberty.org/issues/concon/effort2dismantle.htm>; Resolution of 2/21/1787

<http://www.discoveringthefoundingprinciples.com/>

[v] Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, Chief Justice Warren Burger letter to Mrs. Schlafly of 4/8/1986,

<http://www.eagleforum.org/>

[vi] <http://www.discoveringthefoundingprinciples.com/>

On February 21, 1787 the Congress Assembled passed the following resolution,

Whereas there is provision in the Articles of Confederation & perpetual Union for making alterations therein by the Assent of a Congress of the United States and of the legislatures of the several States; And whereas experience hath evinced that there are defects in the present Confederation, as a mean to remedy which several of the States and particularly the State of New York by express instructions to their delegates in Congress have suggested a convention for the purposes expressed in the following resolution and such Convention appearing to be the most probable mean of establishing in these states a firm national government

*Resolved that in the opinion of Congress it is expedient that on the second Monday in May next a Convention of delegates **who shall have been appointed by the several states** be held at Philadelphia **for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation** and reporting to Congress and the several legislatures such alterations and provisions therein as shall when agreed to in Congress and confirmed by the states render the federal constitution adequate to the exigencies of Government & the preservation of the Union*

[vii] **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 2013 a.k.a Amendments Convention; Convention of the States; and/or Article V Convention A GRIDLOCK OF FACT AND FICTION**

<http://www.sweetliberty.org/issues/concon/concon2012.html>

Did you hear Sec. of State Kris Kobach's radio program last night? He was saying a Con-Con, Constitutional Convention, would be OK. We (Grassroots Organizations) have been saying, "NO, NO WAY!" We say that because once it is started the citizens or even states have no control where it goes. Sec. Kobach says many of those things won't happen – probably. I'm sorry I just DO NOT trust THIS National Administration, or the State of Kansas Administration. Look at what they have done to us by paying NO ATTENTION to the Constitution, Congressional rules, Presidential rules, or any rules that have existed in the past. What would stop them from braking any and all rules/laws concerning a Constitutional Convention? I and other Flint Hills TEA Party members still say, "NO, HELL NO!! No way would I go with having a Con-Con as long as these or any similar Bozos are in control!" When those who call the shots have proven they can't be trusted WHY would you trust them with the opportunity to do considerable damage/changing to the Constitution? Isn't that just a "no brainer"? This Constitution has served us pretty well for over 200 years – if it isn't broke, don't fix it!! If you have questions or doubts reread the article immediately above – it explains it all!! You can always contact any one of us!!

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5016

By Representative Hildebrand ON 3-19-13

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States with respect to states' rights.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That pursuant to article V of the constitution of the United States, the legislature of the state of Kansas hereby makes application to the congress of the United States for the calling of a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the constitution of the United States: "ARTICLE "Section 1. The states and the citizens thereof have the sole and exclusive authority to regulate directly, and to regulate indirectly through taxes, the following subjects: Education; the time, place and manner of elections; marriage and law relating to the family; firearms, ammunition and their use; land use; the management of wildlife, game and fisheries; health care; and all forms of insurance.

"Sec. 2. Section 1 is not an exclusive list of subjects that the states may regulate. With respect to all other subjects, other than those enumerated in sections 9 and 10 of article I, the states may regulate those subjects. Congress may not exercise its enumerated powers to impliedly preempt or otherwise impliedly displace state laws. The preemption or displacement of such state laws may only occur if an act of congress expressly and unmistakably states its intention to preempt or displace state law." And *Be it further resolved:* That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with article V of the constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the several states shall have made similar applications to the congress of the United States; and *Be it further resolved:* That the secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, each member of the Kansas delegation in the United States Congress and to the legislatures of all other states of the United States.

Subject: Bad news on Common Core from Larry Halloran on March 25, 2013 at 5:18pm

The word I have is that we lost the vote on HB2289 on a vote of 7 - 11 in the House Education Committee this morning. I do not have the details yet of what happened, but it is apparent that several votes we would have considered in support of our effort went the other way. I do not know if it was related to amendments or what. Someone was also absent, I do not know who that was.

This is stacking up to be a very disappointing legislative session that has failed to produce even a modicum of what we had expected to achieve.

The Senate Education committee failed to pass their Charter School bill (SB196) out of committee; the same (HB2320) had already been defeated in the House Education Committee. The Senate Ed committee tried to do a gut and go with theirs in a House Bill but failed to get the needed votes on the committee for that, and having failed at that, did not push for a vote on the actual Senate bill itself.

Apparently a hole was left in the Budget bill that passed for the possible expansion of Medicaid with Federal dollars provided the Legislature gives the Governor the go ahead. The House has sat on HCR5013, a concurrent resolution stating the intent of the Legislature to NOT expand Medicaid for nearly a month now and there is little hope it would be acted on in the Senate even if they passed it out of the House with the few days remaining. It is my belief that when the Legislature heads out of town - having not acted - that Brownback may well pull a Florida and accept the expansion for the 3 years to appease the Health Care industry in Kansas and

use the Legislature failure to act on HCR5013 as a reason to support the expansion and they have left the decision to him.

HB2199 2nd Amendment Protection has finally been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Fed and State Committee for next Tuesday 3/26/13 at 1:00 PM in Room 144-South - a bill one would have thought would have raced through both chambers -

While I'm on my "soap box" I'll get another but from under my blanket. In my blurb on the Con-Con I inferred that I didn't trust the State of Kansas Administration – Let me explain. When our current Governor returned from Washington, D.C. he didn't bring a great reputation with him. My guess is he became our Governor because he was the Lesser of Two Evils. I was hopeful -- hope runs eternal, you know.

I have been following the actions in Legislature closer than ever before this year. The Fair Tax, HR 2355, was there for the taking. However, Governor Brownback had, again, cobbled together a "tax" bill that became known around the Capital as "the Governor's Tax Bill". There were several meetings of Grassroots/legislators that were intended for the Grassroots to "learn" what was in the "Governor's Tax Bill" and to "learn" to support it. Basically, what we learned was we were expected to support the "Governor's Tax Bill" without learning what's in it. We were given up on when we established the fact that we couldn't/wouldn't support a bill that we were not told what it contained. While the Fair Tax Bill was available, why go with a bill that Legislators readily admit won't work unless the economy picks up and improves and there is NOTHING in it to stimulate the economy? Well, because it is the "Governor's Bill" – it was passed into law to make the Governor look good – "WOW, we are living with the Governor's Tax Bill" – don't worry that it doesn't work. Then there is the Governor's Budget – well, it, too, won't work unless the economy improves. The Governor's bills have passed. While the bills that would actually achieve "No Income Tax" and stimulate the states economy have NOT passed at this time. The Senate committee is hesitating passing the HB 2199 and companion bills because the Feds may sue us – the fact that they will probably give us the "economy improvement" that we so badly need is NOT considered. Now **IF** the Fair Tax Bill, HR 2355 and 2nd Amendment Bills had been passed **FIRST** the economy would have a better chance of improving and instead of being known as "The Governor of failed bills", Governor Brownback would be known as the Governor of the State that first passed Fair Tax and Second Amendment laws that improve the states economy. Gov. Brownback has not only fouled up his own reputation, but also cheated the State of Kansas citizens of economic improvement within their state.

The Federal Government has an Educational program called "Common Core", **HB 2289 and HB 2350**; both are refusing Federal programs for our schools. Considerable money is available for our schools – **IF we teach what they tell us to; run our schools as they tell us to; build or not build what they tells us to for our schools.** Actually, we don't really know **exactly what** is in the program – we just agree to do **WHATEVER** they decide to put in the program. Another program we should have NOTHING to do with is HCR 5011, a program that expands Medicare with the Feds paying for a few years, then it is the State's responsibility. Which would cost the State millions or more a year into eternity. If we keep Medicaid as is this huge amount will NOT be heaped on the State down the road. We always have and always will take care of our state's children and elderly. Call, email your Legislators demanding the working of these bills.

If we fail to pass the Second Amendment bill, HR 2199 we will be playing into the hands of the Federal Government. They will gradually take all weapons/guns that would really protect us from THEM. (That is why the Second Amendment was written.) And when they have rendered us basically unarmed they will take us over entirely and America will no longer be free. You doubt me?? Stop and think about how it was when you were kids or when your parents were kids. Different, huh? Call/email all of Legislature to pass bills HR 2199 & its companion bills. Pass HR 2350 & 2289 – stop Federal Money in our schools. These bills **MUST** be passed **NOW!!** Call, email your Legislators demanding the passage of these bills

When Gov. Brownback came back to Kansas he was presented with the fact that Kathleen Sebelius and Sandy Praeger and Jeff Colyer had already begun installing **Obamacare** in Kansas under the name of KEES. Gov. BB made a big show of sending back money that was said to be Obamacare money – then took much more and kept it – taking away the right of Kansas citizens to refuse Obamacare, under the Supreme Court's judgment. We could have refused Obamacare, **but not after our Governor accepted it, now we are stuck with it.** *In a future Newsletter we'll tell you more about your health insurance electives.*

Many things have pointed to the fact that our Governor wants to be successful so he can be a second term Governor. Do we need a Governor of this intelligence and of this concern for the citizens of his State for another term? In my opinion he has beat himself with the way he cobbled up this year's Legislative Session, and then there is his past and OUR diminished future!! Whew!! I feel better!!

VA Unconstitutionally Tries To Disarm Veterans

Posted 02/25/2013 07:05 PM ET

Guns: Veterans who bore arms to defend their country are receiving letters that they may be declared mentally incompetent and have their 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms stripped from them. Welcome home.

The contempt by the Obama administration for our Constitution and our rights has reached a new low with news the Veterans Administration has begun sending letters to veterans telling them they will be declared mentally incompetent and stripped of the 2nd Amendment rights unless they can prove to unnamed bureaucrats to the contrary.

On Thursday, Michael Connelly, executive director of the United States Justice Foundation, said veterans have begun getting warning letters from the Veterans Administration (VA). The letters inform the recipients that he or she must provide evidence to the contrary within 60 days. If the veteran desires a hearing, they must inform the VA within 30 days.

"A determination of incompetency will prohibit you from purchasing, possessing, receiving, or transporting a firearm or ammunition. If you knowingly violate any of these prohibitions, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both pursuant to the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, Pub.L.No. 103-159, as implemented at 18, United States Code 924(a)(2)," the letter reads.

The VA states on its Fiduciary Program website that, according to the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, signed into law in 1993, being determined as unable to manage your benefits prevents you from owning and possessing a firearm or ammunition.

While mental health is a factor in the current gun control debate and recent mass shootings in Newtown CT, Aurora CO, and elsewhere have in common the questionable mental state of the shooters, to single out returning vets from Iraq and Afghanistan this way is unconscionable and unconstitutional.

No one wants the mentally unstable to possess firearms, but neither do we want to see the presumption of innocence or the right to due process guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution taken away. The Fifth Amendment states that no person shall "... be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." The VA seems to be violating these rights to take away those guaranteed under the Second Amendment.

Returning vets were seen as vulnerable to "right-wing extremists" in an April 2009 report by Janet Napolitano's Homeland Security Dept., titled "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment".

"Returning veterans possess combat skills and experience that are attractive to right-wing extremists," it says. "(Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis) is concerned that right-wing extremists will attempt to recruit and radicalize veterans in order to boost their violent capacities."

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Obama Just Doesn’t Get it

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The latest waste of taxpayer money, following close on the heels of the way over-hyped sequester, has been Obama’s so-called Charm Tour. It just hasn’t gotten through his thick skull and massive, personality disorder-driven ego that the American people are not buying his lies like they used to. They’re starting to connect the man to his mindless Marxism, their economic and social pain to his policies. They are finally, though probably way too late, realizing that the Fraud-in-the-White House is just that.

B. Hussein, however, insulated from the nastiness of reality as he is by the Ministry of Propaganda, tried to take the tour overseas. The result, as with all his incredibly inept and incompetent attempts at diplomacy, statesmanship, and foreign policy, has been another embarrassing failure. This one, though, has been worse than most.

In spite of his pandering to Muslims, especially those with radical, fundamentalist views, it’s coming out very publicly that they hate him even more than they did George Bush. He’s been trying to play both sides against the middle, straddling the fence, and it apparently has PO’d a whole lot of Muslims all over the globe. The demonstrations by “Palestinians” against him were far worse than the Israeli ones, and the Israelis left no doubt of their dislike for him and his duplicity. The “peaceful Palestinians” who B. Hussein, Hillary Clinton, and the Democrat Party of Latter Day Marxism constantly kiss up to, showed their respect for Obozo and his pandering by violating the phony ceasefire, and showering Israel with rockets while the Messiah was in the country, only a few

miles away.

Iran, too, that bastion of Islamic love and tolerance, has stepped up its saber-rattling, and it appears that it's just a matter of time – and not much of that – before a major, hot, bullets, bombs, missiles, and maybe nukes confrontation occurs. Four years of dithering by Obama and the State of Disarray Department under Hillary - and now, thanks to the craven Republicans in the Senate, the criminal/traitor John Kerry - have fueled the delusions of Iran's leaders that they are all-powerful, unstoppable, and the rightful rulers of the coming global Caliphate. Obama's brilliant, ever-so-well-crafted answer to the threat of the start of World War III is, "Oh, well, if someone wants to actually take action to stop them, wink, wink, nod, nod, we won't interfere." Amazing what an education at Columbia and Harvard will do for you.

Meanwhile, in the Far Out Far East, North Korea, led by the second runner-up in a Pillsbury Dough Boy look-alike contest, has called off the ceasefire that ended the Korean War, sixty years ago. Kim Jong Un, a second generation wacko, feels threatened by our Nobel Peace [Prize](#) "winning" Commander-in-Chief, and has mobilized his army and is threatening to launch nukes at us. This motivated our Department of Surrender to make plans to move missile defenses that were originally intended to protect NATO allies Poland and [Czechoslovakia](#) from attacks from Iran, to Alaska, to add to our protection against attacks from Asia. Asia, for those educated in government schools, is also where China is.

Will the Chinese feel threatened, too?

The Smartest Man in the Room just can't figure out why the Russians don't like him, since he unilaterally committed to reducing our nuclear arsenal, reneged on our promise to provide the missile defenses mentioned earlier, after the Russians objected, and he assured Putin that after he was re-elected he would sell us out even more. Russia and China have been mending fences, doing the "reset" to their relationship that Obozo and Hillary botched so completely. He just can't get his skinny arms around the idea that they are turning their backs on a fellow Marxist. He thinks if he just bends over a little further, surely they will all see him for the Greatest World Leader that he is certain he is.

A few points to consider: 1) Muslims hate, and are obligated by the writings of Mohamed to kill, apostate Muslims such as B. Hussein. He can praise Islam to the skies and kiss their butts 'til his lips are bruised, but until he returns to the practice of it, he is the Enemy. 2) To the genuine Marxists in Russia and China, American Marxists are cheap imitations, Stalin's "useful idiots." As for the Russians, it's well known that Russians are exceptionally racist, particularly regarding blacks. Ask any African who studied in Russia. Obama is black, and will never be seen by Russians, especially lower-class Slavic policemen like Putin, as anything but inferior. 3) In the 1906s, American Marxists were terrified that black people would realize that their interests are the same as working whites. That is beginning to happen, more and more, and an exodus from the Democrat Plantation is gaining momentum.

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A DC airport ticket agent-must read!

This is priceless funny stuff; but alas, is only a small indication of how much trouble our country is in.

God Bless America!

A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble:

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Cape Town. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Cape Town is in Massachusetts." Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Cape Town is in Africa. His response – *click!*

Obama, Fool or Prince of Fools?

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The following quote was attributed to an unidentified Czechoslovakian Republic leader, a country that suffered generations under the evil of Socialist/Marxist corruption. The writer clearly and succinctly described what may be a troubling reality for America.

"The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president.

The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the Prince of the Fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president."



BLACK SMOKE

4 years and still no leader

And with these thoughts in mind I leave you to your own thoughts and what you'll do about them and for your Country!!
GOD BE WITH YOU and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

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